





PATENT APPLICATION

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Hidemitsu AOKI, et al.

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FECHNOLOGY CERTER 2800 For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.